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Evacuation!

Power outage causes students, faculty to vacate north end of campus

BY ELIZABETH WILKINSON
News Editor

Students evacuated the Anderson, Potter, Classroom Office, Powers Computer Education, Gyte and Gyte Annex buildings on Wednesday, Jan 19 due to a power outage.

The outage was in the high voltage distribution system at the north end of campus but the exact cause of the outage is yet to be determined according to Wes Lukoshus, assistant vice chancellor for advancement.

"It was shocking to go outside and not know what was happening until the next day."

Aisha Wright

The outage and evacuation occurred at about 9 p.m. and by 6:15 a.m. the next day the power had returned and the campus was safe for classes and activities to continue, said Lukoshus.

Administration made the decision to evacuate because they did not know the magnitude of the problem at the time, said Lukoshus. He also said that they wanted to ensure students safety and be assured that everything was properly shut down.

Classes and other campus activities could not safely go on without electricity. The fact that the outage took place toward the end of the school day made the evacuation easier, said Lukoshus.

"We were disappointed, but under the circumstances it was the best decision" Lukoshus said.

There were some disruptions to class, even though it was the end of the day.

Associate Professor of Communication Neil Nemeth was teaching a communication ethics course when the announcement came on the loudspeakers to evacuate the building. Nemeth said he waited a few minutes and dismissed his class.

It was the first day of the class, and class introductions were underway. Nemeth said he is glad he gave assignments and other important items earlier in the class, and that he can go back to what he was doing when the buildings were evacuated during the next class. The lights in CLO did not ever go out completely, they only flickered a little, said Nemeth.

Aisha Wright, senior majoring in radio and television, was in class in CLO when the announcement to evacuate came on.

"It was shocking to go outside and not know what was happening until the next day," Wright said.

There were work crews and fire trucks outside and students didn't know what was going on, said Wright.

The evacuation ran smoothly and campus police did a good job evacuating the campus, said Lukoshus. University Police, Facilities (including Maintenance, Groups, Housekeeping, Projects and Systems), CTIS and Electronic Communication and Publishing, Meade electric and NIPSCO all responded to the outage.



Photo by: Vicki Palus

Nate Boggess accepts tickets to the Super Bowl XXXIX given by Stuart Henning (Regional Vice President), Chris Nelson (District Manager), and Larry Posen (Senior Director of Dining Services at Purdue University Calumet).

PUC student wins trip to Superbowl

BY ELIZABETH WILKINSON
News Editor

Freshman Nate Boggess will soon be leaving for the Superbowl in Florida, all expenses paid, due to a contest he entered at PUC.

The criminal justice major won a trip to the Superbowl in the Pepsi and Frito-Lays Mix and Match Sweepstakes. Boggess said he filled out a card and hoped to win the bike that was on display in the cafeteria. Instead, he received a Fed-Ex package telling him that he won tickets to football's biggest game. Originally, he didn't believe

he won, but the letter was in a Fed-Ex package, so he figured it was real.

In addition to two tickets to the game, Boggess also won airfare to and from Florida, four nights in a hotel, and spending money to use while he is there.

Originally, Boggess planned to send his parents to the game, and not go himself. Boggess tried to give the tickets to his parents for Christmas, but his mom wasn't able to go. Therefore, he and his dad will be attending the game.

Boggess is not a big fan of football, but he thinks the trip will be fun. He played football in high

school, and might occasionally watch the Superbowl with friends, but he doesn't follow the sport.

Boggess isn't rooting for any particular team; he just wants to go have fun.

"I've never been to Florida, and now I get to go for free. That's pretty cool" Boggess said. He said he and his dad will get about \$150 each to spend on their trip, and he's hoping food is also paid for. Boggess also wouldn't say no to free room service so he can invite

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Purdue forum remembers King's legacy

STEVE LYNCH
Staff Writer

On April 4, 1968 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn. Although he may have passed over 40 years ago, Dr. King's legacy is still alive, as demonstrated this Friday in the SFLC building at "Vote or Die" an event organized by the Cultural Awareness Advisory Committee.

The event was subtitled "The Risk of Political Participation" and

moderated by Professor LaVada Brandon. Topics brought up at the forum included not only the effects of the 1960's civil rights movement but current civil rights issues such as voter disenfranchisement, the effect of laws on voter participation, and the marginalization of African Americans in urban communities.

Forum panelists included history Department Head Saul Lerner, Attorney Brian Bullock, Professor Frank Colluci, and Akili Sadiki-Shakur. The forum began with an opening address by Prof. Brandon on the modern legacy of Dr. King

and an introduction of the panelists.

Lerner began his speech by giving a historical overview of the civil rights movement and spoke of Purdue's specific obligation "to nurture and develop diversity".

Shakur, who is a graduate student and McNair Scholar in addition to being a community activist, followed Lerner and spoke at length about the disenfranchisement of young people. Akili talked at length about setting an example for future generations. "They have to be acclimated to the process that goes on in politics," she said, "you can't just go and sit in your

Government or Econ class".

Frank Colluci struck a more optimistic tone. "What happened in this last election... has to be considered a success story," he said. Colluci cited an almost 5 percent increase in voter turnout over the last election cycle as indicative of increase participation in the democratic process.

Attorney Bullock used his time to expound upon the history of voting laws. He said historically, voting was first denied to blacks in the Reconstruction-era southern U.S.

"If you stole a chicken, you could lose the right to vote,"

Bullock said. "In some states the situation has improved little."

After the speakers, the forum was opened to questions from the audience. Panelists and members of the audience addressed a wide range of topics, from voting laws and access for the disabled to avenues of political action and the ethics of the various politicians.

Somewhere between fifty and seventy people attended the forum held at noon in the Room with a View. "This is one of the most successful forums I've ever attended!" said professor Brandon.

SPORTS: Peregrines Basketball! ENTERTAINMENT: Find out if the 'noise' is worth hearing

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Intramurals is not just basketball anymore!

Need a break from studies? Want to meet new people? The Office of Fitness, Wellness and Sports is offering a wide range of intramural activities this spring.

To participate in any games, leagues or tournaments held in the gym, you must be a member of the Fitness Center. Faculty and staff also are invited to participate.

Here's a chronological list of fun!

INTRAMURAL LEAGUES

Extreme "Prison Style" Dodgeball—7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Feb. 1, 8 and 22 and Wednesday, Feb. 16

—Open play format in the gym—

4 on 4 Men's Soccer—Monday nights, beginning Feb. 7, gym

6 on 6 Co-ed Volleyball—Thursday nights, beginning Feb. 10, gym

Team combinations: three male/three female, three male/two female or three female/two male

5 on 5 Basketball (Co-ed optional)—Sundays, beginning Feb. 13, gym

4 on 4 Co-ed Soccer—Wednesday nights, beginning Feb. 16, gym

Team combinations: two male/two female or if one female, games will be 3 on 3

4 on 4 Co-ed Bowling—Tuesday nights, March 1 through May 3, Plaza Lanes in Highland.

Teams must have one female. Each bowler pays a \$10 league fee that includes shoes and games. Participants need not be Fitness Center members.

4 on 4 Indoor Ultimate Frisbee—Tuesday nights, beginning March 8, gym

5 on 5 Co-ed Wiffleball—Wednesday nights, beginning March 23, gym

Teams must have one female.

INTRAMURAL TOURNAMENTS

New! 2 on 2 Bean Bags—7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb 23, gym

New! Intramural Texas Hold 'Em—6p.m., Tuesday, March 1, PER-132.

One-night tournaments held throughout the semester. Top students will compete against top faculty/ staff for championship, Friday, May 6.

There is no money involved, points only.
Absolutely no gambling is permitted.

New! 1 on 1 Ping Pong—7 p.m., Wednesday, March 2, PER-132

Home Run Derby—7 p.m., Wednesday, March 9, gym

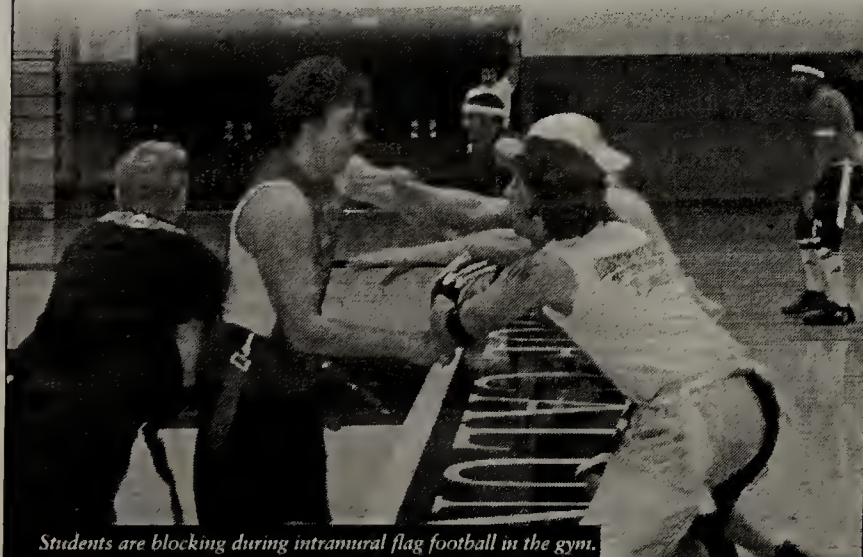
1 on 1 Racquetball—11 a.m., Saturday, March 12, racquetball courts

Frolf (Frisbee Golf)—10 a.m., Saturday, April 16, Knickerbocker Parkway lawn (2 blocks west of campus)

"Intramurals get students involved, enable them to meet new people and have fun," Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik said. "Since many of our students have busy lives, we hope intramurals help them reduce stress from work, school and other commitments."

"Intramurals keep students here. Before they would come to class, then just go home."

For entry deadlines, to be added to a team, or for other information, call 989-2050. Registration forms are available in the Fitness Center.



Students are blocking during intramural flag football in the gym.

The Administrative Update is a paid advertisement.

What's Goin' On?

A look around campus

PUGG seeks members interested in game play

Purdue University Gamers' Guild is seeking new members. PUGG holds meetings on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout the semester. PUGG will be continuing the game Vampire: The Masquerade, a game set in Spain and partly told in Spanish. The game is still accepting new members. For more information contact pucPUGG@yahoo.com

Students invited to play intramural Extreme 'Prison Style' Dodgeball.

Intramural extreme prison style dodge ball will take place in the gym Feb. 1, 8, 16 and 22. All games will take place at 7:30 p.m. Players must be Fitness Center members. For more information contact Matt Dudzik at 989-2050 or dudzik@calumet.purdue.edu

Writing Center offers Microsoft Word XP 101

The Writing Center (located in CLO 265) will be offering a Microsoft Word XP 101 tutorial for all PUC students. The tutorial helps facilitate a student's understanding and knowledge about Microsoft Word XP, a computer program that is utilized frequently at academic levels. The tutorial is free and will be held on Feb. 7 and 8 from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. Students need only attend one tutorial. If you have questions about the tutorial please contact The Writing Center at (219)989-2200.

SGA seeks students input on issues

Student Government Association requests that students take their survey. The survey is a way for students to voice their opinions about issues that affect them. Information gained through the survey will be used for elections this spring. Go to www.myststudentgov.com to take the survey.

Society of Success and Leadership sponsors open mic night

The Society of Success and Leadership will sponsor open mic night on Wed. Feb 9, 2005 from 8-11 p.m. For more information contact societyofsuccess@yahoo.com

Theta Rho Upsilon to hold informational meeting

Theta Rho Upsilon Multicultural Sorority invites all interested ladies to attend our informational on Feb 2 or 3 at 7:00 pm in SFLC- 301. For more information please contact Aracely Garcia (2 1 9) 3 0 6 - 2 0 8 0 , Nista_TRU@yahoo.com

Orientation Department seeks new leaders

The Orientation Department is looking for 25-30 orientation leaders. The position pays \$7.50 an hour, and students will work 15-20 days over the summer. Becoming an orientation leader is a great way to gain leadership experience, improve presentation skills, and meet new friends. To apply go to www.calumet.purdue.edu/ccld/puc101 or fill out an application in person at SFLC 349. For more information contact Beth at (219) 989-4160 or tuckere@calumet.purdue.edu

Game room grand opening this week

The new game room will open on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005. The opening will take place at 10:45 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. in SFLC 100. The new SFLC game room, lounge, and TV areas will open. Free games will be offered and acoustic duo Zion will perform.

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President of NSBE offers empowering advice

MANDY LUCIOUS
Staff Writer

Uyi Eguasa, the President of PUC's National Society for Black Engineers (NSBE) values his education, but does not see his education in a traditional way.

While typical college students are concerned with identifying a major, completing general course work and passing required courses, Eguasa has other things on his mind as well.

Eguasa, a senior majoring in electrical engineering says "Don't go through school, let school go through you."

Eguasa worries about things such as grades and classes, but feels there are other important factors in education as well. Competing general course work and passing required courses are important to him, and his 3.49 GPA shows this. However, these are not his primary concerns.

Eguasa says he has a profound

understanding of the value of education and the opportunities it provides to help shape the world around us.

While growing up in Nigeria, Eguasa says he learned the value of education, and his culture taught him that education is important. Often when there are limited opportunities, education is more highly esteemed.

"I am not from a country with a lot of opportunity," said Eguasa. "In Africa, for one to have opportunity, education is very important."

As a child, Eguasa had a natural curiosity and love for science, which led him on his eventual career path.

"Here you see car designs and cellular phones with cameras in them," said Eguasa. "And I say wow how did they build that?"

This factor served as his vehicle while deciding on his major, electrical engineering.

However, education is not just getting a degree, according to Eguasa. It is making the best of whatever situation you are in.

In addition to serving as presi-

dent of NSBE, he has affiliations with the Society of Hispanic Engineers, Society for Women Engineers and the McNair Achievement Program. These affiliations are why Eguasa stresses networking, understanding your resources, conferencing and mentoring other students.

Eguasa says his primary concern is to give back to the school community and the world at large. He teaches students and encourages them to network and attend conferences as a means to better themselves.

Eguasa has an influence and made an impression over both students and faculty at PUC. Eguasa represents NSBE very well, and is willing to ask for help when he needs it said Carol Wolfe, secretary for student life and activities.

Tommy Wimbush, treasurer for NSBE said "Uyi is an encouraging individual and he is definitely on the ball as president."

Eguasa's academic achievements include being on the Dean's List for four years and National Dean's List for three.

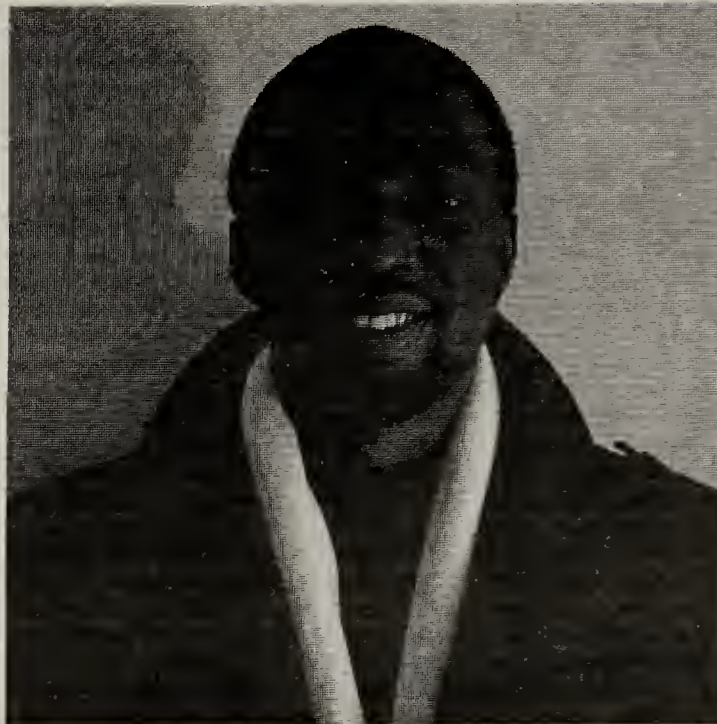


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Uyi Eguasa is the president of NSBE and offers the advice "Don't go through school, let school go through you."



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Superbowl

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people up to his room.

Larry Posen, food service director at PUC, said the contest was a national one, sponsored by Frito-Lay and Pepsi. In order to win, students needed to buy six combo meals and fill out a frequent buyer card. The combo meals needed to include both Pepsi and Frito-Lay products.

The company that owns Chartwells has two other divisions, Eurest which serves businesses and Morrison, which caters to senior living and healthcare. Both Eurest and Morrison took place in the contest. There were only four submissions from PUC, and Boggess was the national winner. "I'm excited to have some one as a grand prize winner because you never see someone who actually wins" said Posen. The bike that Boggess was trying to win went to another student, Posen said.

Men and Women: Do You Want to Know the Truth about Abortion?

Silent No More

AWARENESS

You are invited to St. Thomas More Parish on February 6, 2005 * to hear a presentation by Lisa Bradford of Silent No More, the renowned post-abortion awareness campaign.

Lisa will discuss her familiarity with abortion and the effects of abortion on women and the myths and realities of the post-abortion experience.

St. Thomas More Parish is located at 8435 Calumet Avenue (south of Ridge Road) in Munster, Indiana. Lisa's presentation will begin promptly after the 12:00 Mass, at around 1:00 pm, and will take place inside the school cafeteria. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Please come to hear the perspective of a woman who knows what abortion really means.

For more information, call Carolyn at 219-374-5193.

In the event of poor weather, call 219-838-4104 to learn if presentation is postponed.

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Got Peregrines?

A school mascot is a symbol of the school, and a way of showing school spirit. Yet, if you ask PUC students what the mascot of PUC is and it is likely that they will not know. Many students are unaware that PUC even has a mascot, let alone what it is. Last semester, the basketball teams officially took the name of Peregrines, and retired the old name, the Lakers. The team had been the Lakers since the 1981-1982 school year. Even when PUC was the Lakers, it seemed most students didn't know what PUC's mascot was. Some even called, or thought we adopted West Lafayette's mascot, the Boilermaker. A mascot is a symbol of school spirit and the lack of knowledge about our mascot shows that PUC is coming up short in that area.

While the second semester begins under the new mascot name, it seems that student knowledge of the new birds on campus isn't near where it should be. If you walk across Purdue West Lafayette it's hard to turn around and not see a picture or reference to their proud mascot the Boilermaker.

The lack of intercollegiate sports is a principal reason for the lack of knowledge of our school mascot. Sports bring a sense of togetherness and school spirit to a university. The biggest step the university could take is to include more intercollegiate sports at PUC; however that doesn't seem likely for a few years yet. With matters such as student housing and an expected growth in enrollment, the university could gain from a little school spirit and a lot from adding some strong intercollegiate sports to campus.

Steps could be made to increase school spirit. For example, a contest could be initiated where a random student wearing Peregrine featured clothing could be offered a prize. Someone from the athletic department could walk around campus on certain days and find students wearing Peregrine items and give them prizes. The event, which could be called "Peregrine-phenalia 2005" or the like, would have to be heavily publicized. Through publicizing the event, and having a bunch of student walking around showing pride in the new mascot name, the Peregrine would become more visual on campus.

Other Universities spread mascot pride by using or allowing the mascots to be used to attract students to establishments around campus like restaurants, book stores or bars. PUC could also benefit from this strategy attracting students and making the mascot better known while also promoting the school. They could easily start renaming things around campus with Peregrine-themed names. The bookstore could be renamed the "Book Nest," or the CLO grab and go could be renamed the "Peregrine Pit-Stop." Small things like that could go a long way.

As far as Publicizing the mascot goes, although there's flyers around campus and a lot of stuff in the PER building, there's no real focal or stationary Peregrine influence in the other buildings on campus.

When you look at the marketability of the peregrine as a mascot, there's a lot that can be done. So where is it? Everyone likes the Notre Dame log, the IU Logo and the big boilermaker guy. Can the peregrine rise up to be included in the same sentence with those familiar logos? A student walking around campus would be hard pressed to even know what you'd be talking about.

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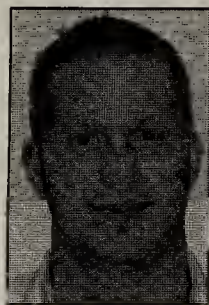
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Synchronized swimming anyone? School on Friday? Think about it.



BY DARREN ZANCAN
Managing Editor

A few weeks ago I touched on the state of the men's basketball program here at PUC, so staying with the topic of sporting events I decided I would talk about the lack of NAIA sporting events offered here.

PUC has one division sport and that is basketball, both men's and women's. So why do we not have the likes of football, soccer (pending), baseball, tennis, etc? Most students or staff members would venture a guess as to be a lack of interest by the student body, but I beg to differ. I think the reason why we have no athletic teams at PUC is the lack of support from the front office in athletics. They want to spend money on student housing, instead of sports programs.

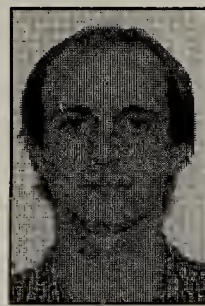
I played on the club soccer team last semester, and granted we were not the greatest team, but we had promise. In my opinion soccer will never survive here. Why? We have the bodies, talent and competition, but we never will get the backing from the school itself. We actually had a soccer field, until they ripped the field apart to put up new dorms.

Now look at other NAIA schools. Olivet Nazarene has a football team, soccer team and basketball teams, just to mention a few. Calumet College also has built up many programs. PUC, yeah we build up prison style dodge ball, but what else? Our enrollment has to be hovering around 9,000, so why the short in programs? Notre Dame has an enrollment of 10,000. I honestly believe some individuals just do not back that side of the spectrum. A tennis team takes maybe 10-12 players and a few coaches. A football team may be more difficult to build up, but there are so many other areas to address that have not been addressed at this time.

We build dorms, and to this point I have heard 20 students are signed up for apartments. Athletics bring people in, especially if you have a solid program. Instead we drop programs and spend money trying to get rid of the "community college atmosphere."

If we had football, baseball, tennis, soccer, heck I will take synchronized swimming, or volleyball, then we could eliminate the entire community college feeling. Stop spending money on other obscure objects, and develop programs that we, the student body, would like to be a part of.

I hope in a few years, most likely when I am gone, I can look back and see a tennis team playing in a NAIA division or a football team bringing in school spirit, but most importantly I hope to see a few good synchronized swimmers in action.



BY DAVE TOMKO
Editor in Chief

What ever happened to Monday-Wednesday-Friday classes? About five years or so ago, PUC used to offer classes that were held on M-W-F for fifty minutes per day. Where did they go you ask? Well I can think of a couple of reason why

they would have done it, but with the problems of parking and dorms, it may be time for a change back.

Many students who live more than 15 minutes away benefited from the two day a week classes over the three by only having to drive the huge distance only once instead of three times a week. With many of the students using the highways to get here and with those under construction last semester it definitely was a good theory. Except the construction traffic has gone down now, there close to finished, and it's not such a bad idea to take the expressways anymore.

Another thing to look at is the length of these classes. With an hour and 20 minute class if you have a boring professor then your stuck either drawing on your notebook or sleeping, and professors hate it when you do the latter, believe me I know. A 50 minute class with a boring professor was a breeze. After roll, turning in of assignments, a quick 20 minute lecture, passing out of past assignments and homework assigning, class was over. Not really much time to be bored.

You could even look at what the professors gain, quicker lectures mean you could hold the students attention more and they might even learn something. Professors could even pass out more assignments with 1/3 as many meetings during the semester. Although students might think this is bad, sometimes the professors might not even assign any homework and if they do it'll probably be shorter because they wouldn't be able to cover as much in each class. Everybody wins.

Now let's look at another subject that everyone is happy about, parking.

If classes were held M-W-F then we'd have more students attending classes on Friday. This could stretch the parking dilemma out and create another day to take some of the burden that the lot is facing on Monday thru Thursdays.

It would also create more times during the day that people would be leaving school. Think about it, if the lot is turning around every hour and a half with people leaving and coming then there's only so many turnovers per day. If we shorten some classes to 50 minutes then we almost get twice as many turnovers per day. You'd have people leaving every fifty minutes in addition to ever hour and twenty.

I'm not at all saying we should change all the classes to three days a week, but in addition to Monday-Wednesday and Tuesday-Thursday classes if they offered a bunch of classes three days a week like they used to, it could help ease some headaches.

I know coming to school on Fridays might suck, but it might be worth it to not have to drive around the parking lot for 20 minutes, or sit through a terribly boring lecture for an excruciated hour and 20 minutes.

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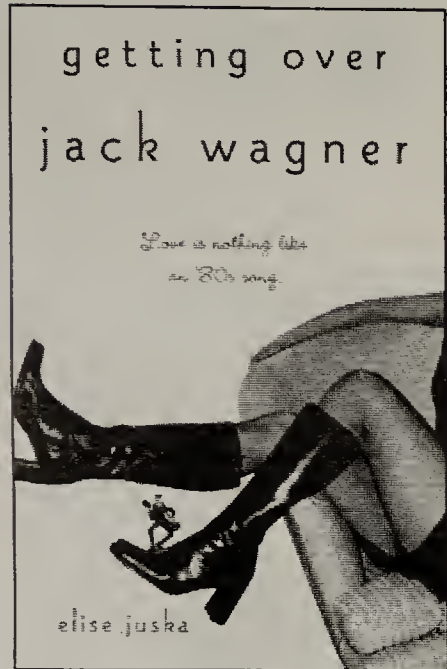
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Jack Wagner already forgotten

BY NATALIE WAHLBERG
Entertainment Editor



Since Elise Juska's "Getting Over Jack Wagner," is based off of the love ballad that sounds like a combination of Air Supply, Foreigner and bad, it's not surprising that the book is one of the worst I have ever read.

The tagline on the cover reads "Love is nothing like an 80s love song." It is also nothing like believable, sympathize-able characters and a decent plot structure.

The most notable people in Juska's freshman creation are the poor men the main character, blandly named Eliza, dates. They seem like nice guys; struggling musicians with dreams while Eliza comes off as a man-eating brat who dismisses men based on their humanity. An example of this is when Eliza goes with her current boyfriend-singer in The Hoagies to his mother's house and immediately ends their relationship after seeing his mother's interaction. Karl, the boyfriend, and his mother have a seemingly caring repartee

and since it doesn't fit Eliza's definition of rock star, she's out of there.

Eliza only dates local rock stars since her ideal man is created from the teen-idol dreamboat Jack Wagner. She has two best friends, Hannah: a vegan hippie-esque psychology buff and Andrew, her TV pop culture best friend. I was uncertain if these characters were fashioned as means of a foil for Eliza's flaws or just a desperate attempt to liven the story.

Eliza comes off as a frantic attention junkie and has no real substance. She is painted to detest attachment and finds tiny flaws in her boyfriends that she exacerbates into deal-breakers. She is so empty, clinging from one wannabe rock star to another that it's hard to feel sorry for her when her past adventures in a commune during college are revealed. The overlaying sentiment is that the only issues she has are in her head and she's in a prison of her own construction.

When confronted with a bad, non-rock star date, two joyful occasions in her friend's and sister's lives, Eliza only thinks of herself. Instead of being happy for her loved ones,

she has a completely unbelievable pseudo-breakdown where she endangers one of her friendships. She seemed to take the horrible night out as a symptom of what dating normal folk is like. Eliza blows everything out of proportion and even when it's revealed about her background, it's hard to commiserate because the roots are a bit farfetched.

The only perk of this book is the interesting layout of the chapters. At the beginning of a new chapter, there's the applicable song list for that section. Juska recommends 80s and 90s classics like "Hungry like the Wolf" by Duran Duran, "Kiss Off" by the Violent Femmes, "I Wanna Be Adored" by The Stone Roses and "Hit Me With Your Best Shot" by Pat Benatar. The song suggestions trigger a reminder of feel-good music that is often forgotten.

As for this book, pick a billboard list of the popular songs of the last two decades and call it a day. Don't waste your time getting into this book; it's not even worth the infatuation.

'White Noise' barely makes a sound

BY TERRENCE ISBELL
Movie Critic

Remaking horror movies is not a bad idea in itself. Once in a while, you get something like "The Ring" or "The Grudge" and it is not that bad. Then you get the movies that try to *blatantly copy the style of said earlier movies* without the same effect. Then we are cursed with stuff like "FearDotcom," and most recently "White Noise." Commercials try to play up the fact that this movie is based on supposedly real phenomena, and that alone could be enough to get you into a theatre, but when the movie fails to even provide decent scare moments, that is when it becomes straight horror movie blasphemy.

"White Noise" features the return of Batman himself, Michael Keaton, to a starring role.

Keaton plays Johnathan, an architect with a great job, a loving wife and since these flicks always require it, a little boy that acts creepier than the ghosts in the movie. When his wife is suddenly reported missing, Johnathan breaks down and dedicates all his effort to finding her, until it's revealed that her body was found.

Soon after, he runs into Raymond, a man fully versed in the art of EVP, or for the demonic spirit-challenged, electronic voice phenomenon. Raymond tells him that he has been hearing messages from Johnathan's wife, and that she wants to contact him. Soon after, Jonathan becomes obsessed with hearing any sign from her. He once again forgets about work, food, sleeping, showering...you get the point.

Of course, he manages to locate her, as

well as seeing and hearing other dead people. Unfortunately for him, not everyone that has died has good intentions, as there is a ghostly trio on the other side as well that likes to make a habit of killing anyone that messes around with EVP. You're never told who the ghosts are, or why they have a problem with people using a means to contact their loved ones, but rest assured they don't like you doing it, so that is all you really need to know, apparently.

My problem with this entire take is that it was possible for it to be somewhat on the bizarre side, but not really scary. Unless you find scrambled cable channels and A.M. radio stations scary, the movie is not really going to be all that captivating. "Poltergeist" and even "The Ring" did the whole "dead TV" thing better than this, and I think most of the problem was that they attempted to play the entire thing too serious, which is a definite negative in any horror flick. In one scene Johnathan's friend is telling him that his dead wife tells him that she wants Johnathan to help people, which immediately made me want to yell out, "You are not Batman anymore!" but I held it in. The movie cannot find its identity. Is he supposed to be some kind of hero now or is he supposed to be a victim watching out for evil ghosts.

I seriously can not believe that this is the same man that was Beetlejuice back in 1989. If Tim Burton had directed this, I am 100 percent positive it would have been scarier and funnier and he would have let Keaton become his former character to give us some good nostalgia. All I can say is, you will never hear the phrase, "...and the award for best picture goes to 'White Noise!'" at all this year, unless it's for most clichéd movie of 2004.

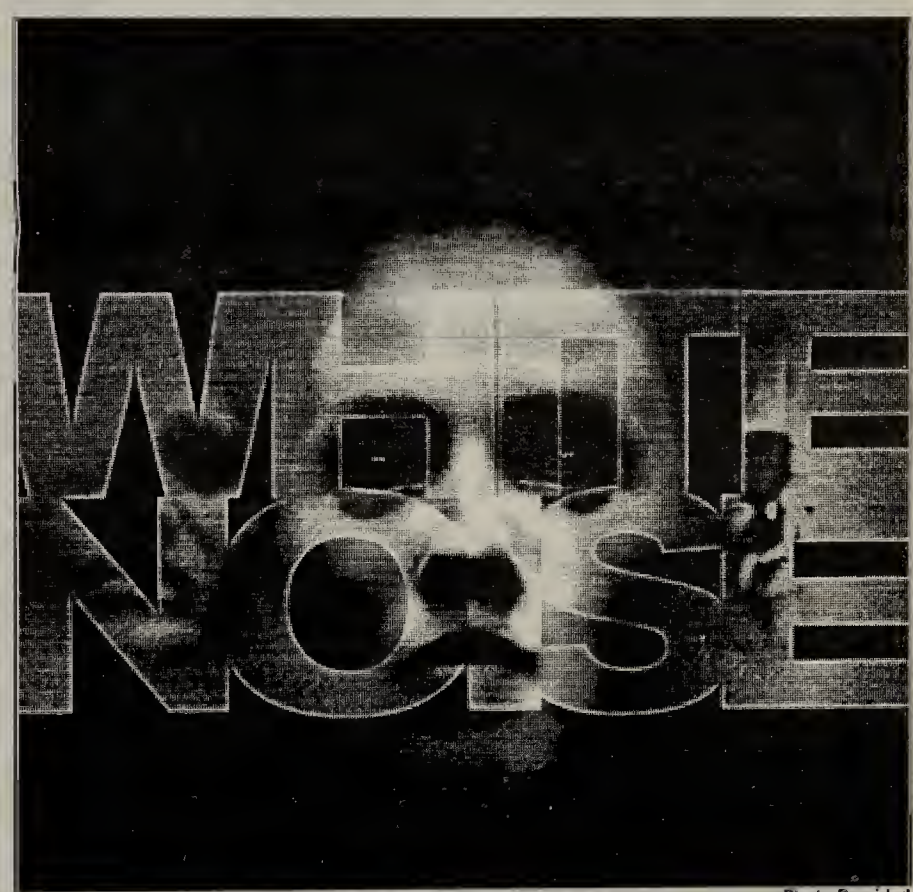


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"White Noise" takes itself too seriously and leaves audiences with a sense of static

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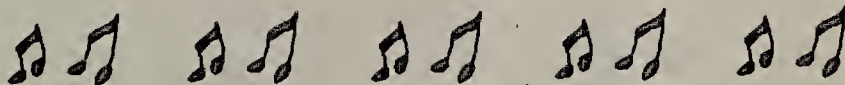
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Getaway to Potato Creek

BY AMY PILARCZYK
Staff Writer

If you are looking for a winter weekend getaway, Potato Creek State Park is just a short drive away. The park offers many activities to do in the winter, so it is perfect time to take a break.

The park is located in North Liberty, Indiana, only 12 miles south of South Bend. Potato Creek opened in 1977 and is named after potato-like roots grown around the six square mile park.

The park costs \$4 to get in if visitors have an Indiana license plate or \$5 if you live in

another state. Potato Creek offers 17 family cabins that are open year-round. The cabins are heated, so it will be no problem keeping warm in the winter. Each room has at least one electric baseboard heater that takes little time to heat up. There is also a wood burning stove, in case you are still cold, but you must bring your own wood.

The spacious cabins can fit up to eight people, with two bedrooms, one with a full bed the other with two twin beds. There are also two pull-out couches available for sleep. The only problem with the cabin is that the bathroom is located between the two bedrooms. Visitors can only enter the bathroom by going through the bedrooms.

The kitchen has a full size refrigerator and

stove, with pots and pans provided. You would have to travel some distance to find a restaurant so it would be smart to bring your own food.

The cabins cost \$95.20 a night and you have to stay at least two nights in the winter. This may seem pricy but if four people go for two nights, it would about \$50 each. Campers have to be 21 to rent out a cabin.

Over eight miles of cross-country skiing is available. Ski rentals are not provided, so you would have to bring your own equipment.

You can also ice fish in Worster Lake, named after Darcy Worster, the person who wanted the area to be turned into a state park. There is also a giant sledding and tubing hill

in the middle of the park.

Potato Creek has six hiking trails, three horses' trails and a biking trail. The hiking trails can be easily walked. The trails take you around the lake and through trees.

This place is a perfect little winter getaway. It is rather cheap and the scenery is breathtaking. It is very close to South Bend so you can spend a day in the city if you want to.

For more information about the park, to make cabin reservations or take an online tour of the cabins go to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/parks/potato-creek.html>.

Contemporary theatre is alive with 'The Thing About Men'

BY JADE LEE CULBERSON
Staff Writer

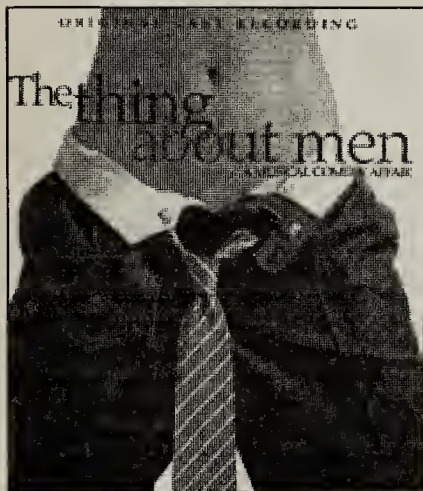


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The thing about this play is that it can't be missed.

The thing about "The Thing About Men" is that it's powerful - the plot is stimulating, the music is beautiful and the acting is superb.

It's the story of Tom (acted brilliantly by Alan Ball), a work-obsessed, Porsche-driving yuppie who notices that he's neglected his wife, Lucy (played Cory Goodrich, with amazing vocal talent), long enough that she's begun to stray. She lands in the arms of his complete opposite, a long-haired artist from the poor side of town. Tom's a mess, although he's had affairs, he's shocked and appalled that his wife is having one. She's torn - she's tied to her husband but drawn to her lover. And her lover, Sebastian (given by the energetic Eric Parker), is discovering himself in ways he couldn't have imagined.

The music was incredible - A. Scott

Williams and the rest of the musicians did a delightful job, with the main pieces and lovely background music as well. "Me, Too/One Woman Man" - a standout number, though all of them are magnificent - is an amazingly, and almost oddly, moving piece as it moves Sebastian through a transition in his life.

There is a lot of physical comedy in "The Thing About Men," and they use it well. From the use of rolling office chairs and a steering wheel as a moving taxi on stage, antics with a gorilla mask, and a juke box that plays country music in an unconventional way, the play is filled hearty visual laughs. The verbal comedy leaves nothing to be desired, either - and anyone who has ever compared a man's sports car to his male endowment will have special appreciation for the humor.

Christine Sherrill, who plays nearly a dozen separate roles, is impressive - she goes from costume to costume and character to character flawlessly. Jason Sperling, is a master of disguise with his myriad of costumes, and without the program to note who he is portraying, the audience would never know how many of the male characters were one person.

Elizabeth P. Shaffer, who designed all of the costumes were delightful. The wigs, designed by Kevin Barthel, were the finishing touch to each character - especially Sebastian.

The set itself rotates between three scenes perfectly and the props, though without excess, do their job well. Sebastian's apart-

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ment is absolutely the setting of note, as set designer Angela Miller did a remarkable job capturing the feeling of his "downtown Bohemian slum" without overdoing it.

Though some of the language and sexual innuendo might not be suitable for children, "The Thing About Men" is an extraordinary piece of contemporary theatre. Directed by William Pullinsi, the play delivers some of the best musical comedy to ever hit the stage and stays strong through an ending that just might take some of the audience by surprise.

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Future of James still uncertain

BY DAVE THOMPSON
Sports Editor

It is still too soon to say whether current interim head coach Mike James will be the head coach of the Peregrines once the 2005-2006 basketball season starts. Currently, James is not looking that far ahead.

"Next year is not of any importance right now," James said.

James hopes to return as the full time coach of the Peregrines next season after taking over from former head coach Gary Hayes, who resigned in late December in the middle of his fifth season coaching the men's basketball team due to tinnitus. Some players are hoping James returns as full time head coach next season. One of the most outspoken players supporting James is sophomore forward Josh Nichols.

"I would like for Coach James to be back next year," Nichols said. "I'm grateful for the opportunity from Coach Hayes, but he was at

a point where the cons outweighed the pros."

Nichols thought that former head coach Gary Hayes was drained mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually from battling the tinnitus and that it was time for him to step down and let go.

"I can't be mad at him for that," Nichols said.

Nichols believes that Coach James is a better fit for the program rather than rumored candidate Carson Cunningham because of his experiences playing for PUC as well as being an assistant coach for the program under Hayes.

"He's never been to Purdue Cal," Nichols said. "Even if he (Carson) did, I don't think he would be a better fit than James."

Nichols said that he would not mind if Cunningham came to the team as an assistant coach next season. According to the Continental Basketball Association, Cunningham was until recently playing basketball for the Rockford Lightning in the CBA. The Lightning waived Cunningham on Monday, Jan. 24.

Sophomore guard/forward Minuyard Wheeler also wants to see James return.

"He is a great coach that communicates effectively with his players," Wheeler said.

Wheeler had no comments on the prospect of Cunningham applying for the job. Senior center Marquice Woods believes that Cunningham will not coach at PUC next season because he might still try to play professional basketball.

Freshman guard Steve Polak said that he was shocked at Hayes resignation. But he hopes Coach James returns next season as well.

"He's doing a pretty good job since he took over," Polak said.

Polak feels that James has helped improve his overall game since he has taken over.

However, freshman guard Jason Coms and sophomore forward Mike Yagelski did not comment about who they believe the men's basketball coach should be for the 2005-2006 season. Yagelski believes the coaching situation will be fully addressed once the season wraps up in March.

Peregrines deny IUSB first conference win

BY FRANK SPRANKLE
Senior Staff Writer

The heavy snowfall that fell on the Calumet area forced the postponement of the Jan. 22 matinee between the Peregrines and the Indiana-South Bend Titans at the PER Building. It did not take however for the two teams to engage in a make-up game, as the case on Monday night.

As the snow of the previous days subsided, the Peregrines provided a whitewash in the early minutes, going on a 15-2 run. Their 77-66 victory meant a 9-14 overall record and a 3-1 showing in the Chicago Collegiate Athletic Conference. The Titans would remain winless in now three CCAC games, falling to 7-15.

Senior center Marquice Woods had 20 points and ten rebounds in the win as junior forward Jeremy Herring matched the exact same point and rebound total for the Titans.

Connecting on five of seven from three-point range, another IUSB forward, Scott McNeil had 19 points including a long three pointer at the buzzer to close the Peregrines lead to three at the half.

The Peregrines had a 13-point lead twice in the first half, before the Titans could close in.

"When they started to heat up, they were hitting their shots," Peregrines' freshman guard Steve Polak said who had 12 points. "We could have played better than what we did today."

The Titans shot 55.6 percent in the first half on three-pointers, connecting on five of nine.

"They shot well because they were getting into transition in the first half," Interim Head Coach Mike James said. "You don't want to be passive, you want to be aggressive."

But the transition changed in the second half. IUSB only came out hitting two of nine from beyond the arc in that time while the Peregrines were sent to the free throw line, connecting on 10 of 12 from the stripe. The Titans only went three of five in free-throws for the entire game as both teams will again in South Bend on Feb. 16.

"It's important to come out strong, but coming into the second half, we changed the momentum," sophomore forward Mike Yagelski said as 14 of his 16 points came in the second half for the Peregrines, who also had sophomore forward/guard Minuyard Wheeler chip-in 14 points.

shot of Vaughn. To insure the win, Captain Cowper put the nail in the coffin by hitting a three pointer that put the Lady Peregrines up by eight with 3:30 left on the clock. The Lady Peregrines (13-11, 2-3) were lead by the efforts of Borys (19 pts, 10 reb) and Vaughn (13 pts, 5 asts).

"When we put our free throws in were a good team," said Coach Smith, the Lady Peregrines had 20 of their points coming from the line. What else helped the Lady Peregrines was their patience in shot selection.

Lady Peregrines swoop to easy victory

CARL HUIZENGA
Staff Writer

The Lady Peregrines brought their game against the Trolls of Trinity Christian College (IL) at the PER building Thursday, Jan. 27, defeating their opposition 69-55.

Coming into the game both teams were on a hot streak. The Lady Peregrines came into the game having won six of their last nine, and the Trolls winning four out of their last six.

In the first half, both teams started off strong as the Lady Peregrines hit three-pointers in two consecutive possessions, with the Trolls responding each time. At the 13:00 mark both teams started to play sloppy by mishandling the ball, not setting the defense up properly and by just making bad decisions.

"We rush our offense then make bad decisions," said Head Coach Dennis Smith of the first half. The bad play on both sides lasted until the final minute of the first half when PUC got it together to put in some points before the half.

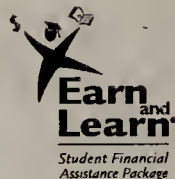
At the half, the Lady Peregrines had a five point lead at 33-28 which was made possible by the efforts of Junior Sarah Vaughn, who had nine points, two rebounds and two assists at the half. Even with the lead, the Lady Peregrines needed a change to ensure the win.

"We needed more communication and teamwork," said senior Co-Captain Lisa Cowper of the sloppy play in the first half.

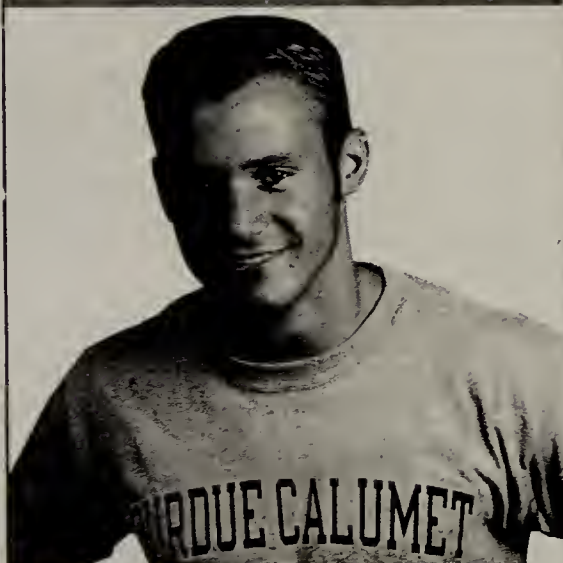
The Trolls made it a challenging second half as they fought hard and brought the game to a tie, eventually taking the lead. However, the Trolls ran out of gas around the eight minute mark as the Lady Peregrines took the lead at 51-50 by feeding the ball inside to Borys and with the jump

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